

Minutes
Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting

Wednesday, November 18, 2015
Regular Meeting, 1:30 p.m.

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OPENING

Vice-Chairman Richard Baier called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.; and confirmed the meeting was properly noticed and a quorum was present.

Members Present

Richard Baier, Vice Chairman	Sumter County
Kyle Mills	Sumter County/Transit
Karl Holley	Sumter County
Dawn McDonald	Lake County Schools
Denise Lee	City of Bushnell
Jim Hitt	City of Clermont
DC Maudlin	City of Leesburg
Chris Schmidt	Lake County
Stephen Cross	Town of Astatula
Ryan Berger	City of Groveland
Richard Hatfield	City of Umatilla

Members Absent

Mark Reggentin, Chairman	City of Mount Dora
Tom Carrino	City of Eustis
Thad Carroll	Town of Lady Lake
Melanie Peavy	City of Wildwood
Gary La Venia	City of Fruitland Park
Jacques Skutt	City of Tavares

Staff Present

T.J. Fish	Executive Director
Mike Woods	Transportation Planner
Francis Franco	GIS Manager
Doris Davis	Executive Assistant
Thomas Burke	Transportation Planner

Others Present

Vickie Wyche	FDOT
Noble Olasimbo	Lake County
Shannon Estep	Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
Carol Scott	Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

I. REPORTS

- A. Florida Department of Transportation: Vickie Wyche, MPO Liaison gave updates on the construction in progress and lane closures in Lake/Sumter Counties. Ms. Wyche also gave update on the Work Program Public Hearing that was recently held and the projects that were tentatively scheduled.
- B. Florida's Turnpike Enterprise – Carol Scott, MPO Liaison provided updates on the Work Program for FY 2016/17-2020/21. Ms. Scott also provided updates on current projects.
- C. Lake County Report - Richard Baier noted that the Lake County reports are included in the Agenda package. Noble Olasimbo gave updates on current projects.
- D. Sumter County Report – Richard Baier noted that the Sumter County reports are included in the Agenda package
- E. MPO Staff – Mike Woods noted that there will be a Public Meeting on December 1, 2015 concerning the Wekiva Trail PD& E Study. Mr. Woods also gave update on the SUN Trail Projects.
- F. TAC: Members Comments and Reports
None

II. AGENDA UPDATE

TJ Fish reminded the Committee that the initial TAC Agenda was sent out per Bylaw requirements one week prior to the meeting. The Resolution involving the Tentative Work Program was later added, redistributed, and included in the agenda package.

III. COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS

No public comments were made.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. October 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes
Richard Baier noted that the October 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes contained a scrivener's error on Item 3 D. Draft Legislative Positions and Priorities. The word lobbies should be replaced with the word advocates. **Motion** was made by Jim Hitt to approve the October 14, 2015 minutes with the changes mentioned, seconded by Chris Schmidt – **motion passed 11-0.**
- B. 2016 TAC Meeting Calendar
TJ Fish provided a brief explanation of the 2016 TAC Meeting Calendar. **Motion** was made by Chris Schmidt to approve the 2016 TAC Meeting Calendar, seconded by Jim Hitt – **motion passed 11-0.**

V. ACTION ITEMS

- A. TRANSPORTATION 2040 -
T.J. Fish presented brief overview of the final draft document for the MPO's updated Long Range Transportation Plan. He made note of the enhanced text regarding Freight and Goods Movement, Intelligent Transportation Systems, Regional Trails and the refined map series. Richard Baier commended staff on doing a great job on the plan.
Motion was made by Jim Hitt to recommend that the Governing Board close the public comment period December 9, and adopt the plan, seconded by Kyle Mills – **motion passed 11-0.**
- B. Draft Legislative Positions and Priorities
T.J. Fish provided brief explanation of the 2016 Legislative Positions and Priorities. Mr. Fish noted that one position added to the document involves opposition to a bill that proposes to make local governments responsible for the costs to relocate public utilities from public rights-of-way or easements when the utilities belong to another entity and are not the jurisdiction of the local government. TJ Fish also noted that North Lake Trail and Sorrento

Avenue were added under Regional Projects and number 4 on page one, Priorities, was changed. Discussion continued, **Motion** was made by Denise Lee to approve the Draft Legislative Positions and Priorities, seconded by Ryan Berger – **motion passed 11-0.**

C. Recommend Approval to Amend FY 2015/16 – 2019/20 Transportation Improvement Program

TJ Fish provided a brief description of the Five (5) amendments that FDOT has requested to the MPO's five-year Transportation Improvement Program. **Motion** was made by Stephen Cross to Recommend Approval to Amend FY 2015/16 – 2019/20 Transportation Improvement Program, seconded by Chris Schmidt – **motion passed 11-0.**

D. Resolution Responding to the FDOT Tentative Work Program for FY 2016/17-2020/21

TJ Fish provided brief overview of FDOT's Tentative Work Program projects proposed to be deferred to a later fiscal year. Mr. Fish made note that this is not an objection but instead only a response. Discussion continued, **Motion** was made by Chris Schmidt to approve the Resolution Responding to the FDOT Tentative Work Program for FY 2016/17 – 2020/21, seconded by Karl Holley – **motion passed 11-0.**

E. Election of Officers effective January 2016

Jim Hitt made a **Motion** to nominate Richard Baier as Chairman of the TAC Committee effective January 2016, seconded by Karl Holley – **motion passed 11-0.** Jim Hitt made a **Motion** to nominate Chris Schmidt as Vice-Chairman of the TAC Committee effective January 2016, seconded by Denise Lee – **motion passed 11-0.**

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. List of Priority Projects – Submittal of New Projects

T.J. Fish reminded the Committee to begin work on the project application forms for any new projects that they may have. The submittal of new projects and application packages must occur by January 13, 2016. Vickie Wyche requested that everyone get their applications in as soon as possible. Richard Baier asked for a master list of submittals/status.

B. 2015 Horizon Award Nominations

T.J. Fish discussed the 2015 Horizon Award Nominations that are currently underway. Committee members are encouraged to nominate deserving local governments for transportation projects or policies that were advanced during 2015. Nominations can also be submitted for leadership and for Volunteer of the Year. The awards will be presented at the Ninth Annual Horizon Awards Dinner in January.

VII. PROJECT UPDATES

T.J. Fish noted that a summary page of the Project Updates are included in the Agenda package.

VIII. CONFIRMATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Richard Baier confirmed he will attend the December 9, 2015 meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion by Stephen Cross, seconded by Chris Schmidt, the meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

Mark Reggentin, Chairman